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SUBJ: CHAMOUN

1. IN PRIVATE TALK MONDAY WITH CHAMOUN I MOVED HIM BACK FROM THE PRECIPICE. I TOLD HIM MODERN WORLD IS MOVING TOWARDS INTERDEPENDENCE AND THAT HIS PARTITION PROPOSALS WOULD ONLY RESULT IN CREATION OF SMALL, NON-VIABLE STATES WITHOUT ANY SOLID BASE FOR INDUSTRIAL/ FINANCIAL/ENTREPOT DEVELOPMENT, HE SHOULD BE LOOKING MORE INTO FUTURE AND TOWARDS EVENTUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG GENERATIONS.

2. HE FINALLY SAID HE WOULD OPERATE WITHIN LEGAL/ CONSTITUTITDL FRAMEWORK TO SEE IF HIS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS COULD BE SAFEGUARDED IN WHAT WILL BE TIME OF CHANGE. HE WOULD GIVE SYSTEM THREE-FIVE YEARS TO PROVE IT COULD WORK.

3. THIS IS SOME SLIGHT PROGRESS ON AN ISSUE WHICH DOES NOT LOOM LARGE AT THIS MOMENT, GIVEN ALL THE OTHER PROBLEMS, BUT WHICH REMAINS VERY MUCH IN THE MIND OF THE MARONITES.
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